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(New York, 25 January-3 February 2010)

Summary

At its 2010 regular session, held from 25 January to 3 February 2010, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 242 applications for consultative status, including applications deferred from its 1999 through 2009 sessions. Of those applications, the Committee recommended 76 for consultative status, deferred 149 for further consideration at its resumed session in 2010, took note of 1 non-governmental organization that had withdrawn its application, closed consideration without prejudice of 14 applications and closed its consideration of 2 other non-governmental organizations. The Committee also had before it one request for reclassification of consultative status; it recommended the same request. In addition, it had before it 173 quadrennial reports, of which it took note of 170. Of the 49 non-governmental organizations that attended the session, the Committee heard 21 representatives of those organizations. Owing to time constraints and pending the receipt of responses to questions posed, the Committee deferred the consideration of 13 quadrennial reports deferred from previous sessions.

The present report contains four draft decisions on matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council.

By draft decision I, the Council would:

(a) Grant consultative status to 76 non-governmental organizations;

(b) Reclassify the consultative status of one non-governmental organization;

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(c) Note that the Committee decided to take note of the withdrawal of the application of one non-governmental organization;

(d) Note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 170 non-governmental organizations;

(e) Note that the Committee decided to close its consideration without prejudice of the applications of 14 non-governmental organizations;

(f) Note that the Committee decided to close its consideration of the applications of two non-governmental organizations.

By draft decision II, the Council would decide to withdraw the consultative status of the General Federation of Iraqi Women.

By draft decision III, the Council would decide to suspend the consultative status of Interfaith International for a period of two years.

By draft decision IV, the Council would take note of the present report.

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I. Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

Draft decisions for adoption by the Council

1. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To grant consultative status to the following 76 non-governmental organizations:

Special consultative status

3D: Trade, Human Rights, Equitable Economy

Afro Centre for Development Peace and Justice

Alliance Defense Fund

Amis de la Terre (Togo)

Asociación Habitat Pro

Association congolaise d'éducation et de prévention contre les maladies et la drogue

Association de développement de Korba

Ayande Roshan Nokhbegan Foundation

Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication

Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation

Cause première

Center for Assistance to Human Rights Protection

Center for Policy Studies

Centre for Public Health

Community Development Volunteers for Technical Assistance

Cooperation and Participation in Overseas NGOs

Dental Care International Foundation

Dones per la Llibertat i Democracia

East-West Management Institute

Eco-Tiras International Environmental Association of River Keepers

Egyptian Association for Educational Resources

Environmental Camps for Conservation Awareness

European Space Policy Institute

Family Africa

Family Planning Association of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Fondation généreuse développement

Fondation Suisse Maroc pour le développement durable

Forest Peoples Programme

Free World Foundation

Fundación Cimientos

Fundación Eudes

Fundación UNITRAN

Global Witness

Green Asia Network

Humanist Institute for Cooperation with Developing Countries

Humanitarian Accountability Partnership International

IFENDU for Women's Development

International Commission on Workforce Development

International Confederation of Childhood Cancer Parent Organizations

International Congo Aid — Smile African Children

International Sustainable Energy Organisation for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

Internet Society

Justice for All — Prison Fellowship Ethiopia

Liberians United to Expose Hidden Weapons

Maasai Aid Association

Mehr Nuri Public Foundation

Missions 3G-Gauri

National Association of Friendship Centres

National Association of Vocational Education of China

Organisation des hommes démunis et enfants orphelins pour le développement

Organisation marocaine des droits humains

Pacific Women's Watch (New Zealand)

Plan Sweden

Presse emblème campagne

Reach Out and Care Wheels

Saferworld

Samaj Kalyan O. Unnayan Shangstha

Social Development Center

Society of International Humanitarian Surgeons

Spirituality for Kids

Swami Vivekanand Samaj Seva Samsthe

UNESCO Association of Guwahati

United Network of Young Peacebuilders

Universitas 21

Verein zur Förderung der Völkerverständigung

Viva Rio

WomenAid Collective

Women Entrepreneurs Association of Turkey

Women Organization for Development and Capacity-Building

Women Power Connect

Women's Legal Education and Action Fund

Roster

American Delegation of the Order of Danilo I

Confederation of Fire Protection Association International

Institute of Road Traffic Education

International Civil Aviation English Association

We the Children Foundation

(b) To reclassify the following non-governmental organization from special to general consultative status:

Femmes Afrique solidarité

(c) To note that the Committee took note of the request of the following non-governmental organization to withdraw its application:

Leadership Conference on Civil Rights

(d) To note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of the following 170 non-governmental organizations for the reporting period 2005-2008:

Abdul Momen Khan Memorial Foundation

Action contre la faim

Adalah: Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel

Adventist Development and Relief Agency

Advocates for Youth

Agence internationale pour le développement

Albert Schweitzer Institute

All India Movement for Seva

America Mideast Educational and Training Services

American Association of Jurists

American Bar Association

American Jewish Committee

Arab Organization for Human Rights

Asia Pacific Network Information Centre

Asian Federation of Laryngectomees Association

Asociación de Antiguas Alumnas del Colegio Madres Irlandesas

Association culturelle d'aide à la promotion educative et sociale

Association for the Study of the World Refugee Problem

Association for Women's Rights in Development

Association mauritanienne pour la santé de la mère et de l'enfant

Association of Development Financing Institutions in Asia and the Pacific

Association of the Bar of the City of New York

Association pour la collaboration globale

Aviation sans frontières

Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies

Canadian Environmental Network

Center for Migration Studies of New York

Center for Reproductive Rights

Centre d'études diplomatiques et stratégiques

Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development

Centro de Estudio y Formación Integral de la Mujer

Cercle des dames mourides

Child Foundation

China Arms Control and Disarmament Association

China Family Planning Association

Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries

Citizens for Decent Housing

Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants

Coalition Against Trafficking in Women

Comité Francais des organisation non-gouvernementales pour la liaison et l'information des Nations Unies

Committee for Hispanic Children and Families

Consortium for Street Children

Cooperativa Tecnico Scientifica di Base

Cultural Survival

Dhaka Ahsania Mission

Dui Hua Foundation

Enfants du monde: droits de l'homme

European AIDS Treatment Group

European Roma Rights Center

European Solidarity Towards Equal Participation of People

Family Care International

Fazaldad Human Rights Institute

Federation of American Scientists

Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas

Felix Varela Center

Feminist Club

Firooznia Charity Foundation

Fondation Surgir

Forum of Women's NGOs of Kyrgyzstan

Foundation for International Training

Foundation for the Refugee Education Trust

Foundation for the Rights of Future Generations

Fridtjof Nansen Institute

Fundación de Ayuda contra la Drogadiccion

Fundación Intervida

Fundación Mujeres en Igualdad

Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS

Global Youth Action Network

Greek Council for Refugees

Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council of North and South America

Green Cross International

Habitat International Coalition

Hoffnungszeichen

Human Rights Advocates

Humanitarian Foundation of Canada

Indigenous World Association

Institut arabe des droits de l'homme

Institute for Policy Studies

Institute of Cultural Affairs International

Inter-African Committee on Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children

International Academy of Architecture

International Association for Impact Assessment

International Association of Applied Psychology

International Association of Democratic Lawyers

International Association of Prosecutors

International Association of Science Parks

International Centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights

International Conference Volunteers

International Council for Caring Communities

International Council of Jewish Women

International Development Enterprises (India)

International Federation for Home Economics

International Federation of Building and Wood Workers

International Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse

International Indian Treaty Council

International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences

International Justice Mission

International Maritime Committee

International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

International Organization for the Right to Education and Freedom of Education

International Road Transport Union

International Shinto Foundation

International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics

International Women Bond

International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs

Istanbul International Brotherhood and Solidarity Association

Jaime Guzman Errazuriz Foundation

Kenya Tuitakayo: Citizens Coalition for Constitutional Change

Latin American and Caribbean Continental Organization of Students

Latin American Federation of Associations of Relatives of Disappeared Detainees

Law Association for Asia and the Pacific

Lawyers' Rights Watch Canada

League of Women Voters of the United States

Mata Amritanandamayi Math

Mbororo Social and Cultural Development Association

MINBYUN: Lawyers for a Democratic Society

MiRA Resource Center for Black Immigrant and Refugee Women

National Abortion Federation

National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials

National Council of Women of Malta

Native Women's Association of Canada

Netherlands Association of Women's Interests, Women's Work and Equal Citizenship

New Zealand Family Planning Association

Nigerian Institute of Homeopathy

Novartis Foundation for Sustainable Development

Organisation mondiale des associations pour l'éducation prénatale

Organization for International Economic Relations

Osservatorio per la Comunicazione Culturale e l'Audiovisivo nel Mediterraneo e nel Mondo

Pan Pacific and South-East Asia Women's Association

PARTAGE

Pasumai Thaayagam Foundation

Pathways to Peace

Peace Child International

Peace Worldwide

Penal Reform International

People with Disability Australia

Philippine Human Rights Information Center

Rodale Institute

Rotary International

S. M. Sehgal Foundation

Sawiris Foundation for Social Development

Scouts musulmans algériens

Simply Help

Sisters of Charity Federation

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

Society for Development of Services in Heliopolis

Society to Support Children Suffering from Cancer

Survivors Corps

Susila Dharma International Association

Synergos Institute

Tamana Association

Tarumitra

Tebtebba Foundation

UNANIMA International

Unión de Asociaciones Familiares

United for Intercultural Action

United States Federation for Middle East Peace

War Resisters International

Watson Institute for International Studies

Wellesley Centers for Women

Widows Rights International

Women for Women's Human Rights: New Ways

Women's Board Educational Cooperation Society

Women's Centre for Legal Aid and Counselling

Women's Federation for World Peace International

Women's Learning Partnership for Rights, Development, and Peace

World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation

World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations

World Russian People's Council

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(e) To note that the Committee decided to close without prejudice consideration of the request for consultative status made by the following non-governmental organizations, after the organizations had failed to respond despite three reminders, over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee, to queries posed to the organizations by members of the Committee:

Ambedkar Centre for Justice and Peace

Association Lestime: communauté lesbienne de Genève

Better Life Programme for the African Rural Woman

Dalit Freedom Network

Drug Policy Alliance

European Roma and Travellers Forum

International Center for Transitional Justice

Marijuana Policy Project Foundation

Negev Coexistence Forum for Civil Equality

Opportunity International

Organisation suisse des lesbiennes

PeaceJam Foundation

Sub-Priorato del Piemonte dell'Ordine di San Fortunato

Yun Lin Temple

(f) To note that the Committee decided to suspend its consideration of the application for consultative status submitted by the non-governmental organization Ethiopian Human Rights Council;

(g) To note that the Committee decided to close consideration of the request for consultative status made by the following non-governmental organizations:

Centre Internacional Escarré per a les Minories Ètniques i les Nacions

Institute of Hazrat Mohammad

Draft decision II
Withdrawal of consultative status of the non-governmental organization General Federation of Iraqi Women

The Economic and Social Council decides to withdraw consultative status with the Council of the non-governmental organization General Federation of Iraqi Women.

Draft decision III
Suspension of consultative status of the non-governmental organization Interfaith International

The Economic and Social Council decides to suspend the consultative status of the non-governmental organization Interfaith International for a period of two years.

Draft decision IV
Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2010 regular session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2010 regular session.

II. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

2. The Committee considered item 3 of its agenda, applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations, at its 2nd through 16th meetings, held from 25 January to 3 February 2010. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new applications for consultative status received from non-governmental organizations (E/C.2/2010/R.2 and Add.1-18);

(b) Compilation of applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held in 1999 through 2009 (E/C.2/2010/CRP.1);

(c) Compilation of deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held in 2009 (E/C.2/2010/CRP.2);

(d) List of non-governmental organizations that did not submit their quadrennial reports for two consecutive periods (E/C.2/2010/CRP.3);

(e) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests for reclassification (E/C.2/2010/CRP.4).

A. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee

3. The Committee considered item 3 (a) of its agenda, Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee, contained in document E/C.2/2010/CRP.4, at its 10th meeting, held on 29 January 2010.

Applications recommended

4. Of the 101 applications deferred from previous sessions, the Committee recommended that the Council grant consultative status to 28 organizations whose applications had been deferred from previous sessions (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

Special consultative status

3D: Trade, Human Rights, Equitable Economy

Afro Centre for Development Peace and Justice

Alliance Defense Fund

Center for Policy Studies

Forest Peoples Programme

Free World Foundation

Global Witness

Humanist Institute for Cooperation with Developing Countries

Humanitarian Accountability Partnership International

IFENDU for Women's Development

International Confederation of Childhood Cancer Parent Organizations

International Sustainable Energy Organisation for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

Internet Society

Maasai Aid Association

Missions 3G-Gauri

National Association of Friendship Centres

Pacific Women's Watch (New Zealand)

Presse emblème campagne

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Samaj Kalyan O. Unnayan Shangstha

Spirituality for Kids

Swami Vivekanand Samaj Seva Samsthe

United Network of Young Peacebuilders

Universitas 21

Verein zur Förderung der Völkerverständigung

WomenAid Collective

Women's Legal Education and Action Fund

Roster

Institute of Road Traffic Education

Applications deferred

5. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 57 non-governmental organizations pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee during its 2010 regular session:

Agape International Spiritual Center of Truth

All India Christian Council

Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers

Anandilal Ganesh Podar Society

Asia Center for Human Rights

Asian-Eurasian Human Rights Forum

Asian Farmers' Association for Sustainable Rural Development

Assyrian Academic Society

Centre des droits des gens (Maroc)

Christian Solidarity International

Compassion Africa Aged Foundation

Corrections India

Ecocosm Dynamics

Environmental Rights Action/Friends of the Earth (Nigeria)

Erevna International Peace Center

Ethiopian Human Rights Council

European Foundation for Democracy

European Renewable Energy Council

Forest Products Associations of Canada

Hope Medical Enterprises

Human Rights House Foundation

IBON Foundation

Institute of Noahide Code

International Confederation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

International Dalit Solidarity Network

International Federation of Liberal Youth

International Foundation for Electoral Systems

International Gas Union

International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission

International Human Rights Observer

International Institute of Security and Safety Management

International La Strada Association

International Reading Association

Jananeethi: A People's Initiative for Human Rights

Kashmiri American Council

Kosmos Associates

Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre

Muslim Aid Australia

NAFSA: Association of International Educators

National Association of Home Builders of the United States

Neda Institute for Scientific-Political Research

New World Hope Organization

Orphans International Worldwide

Peace Action Training and Research Institute of Romania

Peacebuilders

People's Life Centre

Pew Charitable Trusts

Rissho Kosei-kai

SAHIL

Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology

Students for Sensible Drug Policy

Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression

Wildlife Conservation Society

WITNESS

World Buddhist Supreme Tathagata Followers Peace Foundation

- WorldGranny

World Igbo Congress

Applications closed (without prejudice)

6. At its 7th and 11th meetings, on 28 January and 1 February 2010, the Committee decided to close (without prejudice) consideration of the applications of 14 non-governmental organizations that had not responded to the Committee's questions despite three reminders sent to the organizations.

Ambedkar Centre for Justice and Peace

Association Lestime: communauté lesbienne de Genève

Better Life Programme for the African Rural Woman

Dalit Freedom Network

Drug Policy Alliance

European Roma and Travellers Forum

International Center for Transitional Justice

Marijuana Policy Project Foundation

Negev Coexistence Forum for Civil Equality

Opportunity International

Organisation suisse des lesbiennes

PeaceJam Foundation

Sub-Priorato del Piemonte dell'Ordine di San Fortunato

Yun Lin Temple

Applications closed

7. At its 16th meeting, on 3 February 2010, the Committee decided to close its consideration of the application of the following non-governmental organization, given that its activities do not conform with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (g)):

Centre Internacional Escarré per a les Minories Ètniques i les Nacions

8. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to close its consideration of the application of the following non-governmental organization, given that the organization did not truthfully disclose information requested by the Committee and that its activities do not fall under the scope of Council resolution 1996/31 (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (g)):

Institute of Hazrat Mohammad

Requests for reclassification

9. At its 10th meeting, on 29 January 2010, the Committee considered one request for reclassification of consultative status from a previous session, contained in document E/C.2/2010/CRP.4. It decided to recommend reclassification of status for the organization from special to general status (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (b)).

1. Femmes Afrique solidarité

B. New applications for consultative status

10. The Committee considered item 3 (b) of its agenda, New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, contained in documents E/C.2/2010/R.2 and Add.1-18 at its 2nd to 7th and 12th to 15th meetings, from 25 to 28 January and from 1 to 3 February 2010.

New applications recommended

11. Of the 141 new applications received, the Committee recommended that consultative status with the Council would be granted to 48 organizations which had submitted new applications (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)).

American Delegation of the Order of Danilo I

Amis de la Terre (Togo)

Asociación Habitat Pro

Association congolaise d'éducation et de prévention contre les maladies et la drogue

Association de développement de Korba

Ayande Roshan Nokhbegan Foundation

Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication

Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation

Cause première

Center for Assistance to Human Rights Protection

Centre for Public Health

Community Development Volunteers for Technical Assistance

Confederation of Fire Protection Association International

Cooperation and Participation in Overseas NGOs

Dental Care International Foundation

Dones per la Llibertat i Democracia

East-West Management Institute

Eco-Tiras International Environmental Association of River Keepers

Egyptian Association for Educational Resources

Environmental Camps for Conservation Awareness

European Space Policy Institute

Family Africa

Family Planning Association of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Fondation Généreuse développement

Fondation Suisse Maroc pour le développement durable

Fundación Cimientos

Fundación Eudes

Fundación UNITRAN

Green Asia Network

International Civil Aviation English Association

International Commission on Workforce Development

International Congo Aid — Smile African Children

Justice for All — Prison Fellowship Ethiopia

Liberians United to Expose Hidden Weapons

Mehr Nuri Public Foundation

National Association of Vocational Education of China

Organisation des hommes démunis et enfants orphelins pour le développement

Organisation marocaine des droits humains

Plan Sweden

Reach Out and Care Wheels

Social Development Center

Society of International Humanitarian Surgeons

UNESCO Association of Guwahati

Viva Rio

We The Children Foundation

Women Entrepreneurs Association of Turkey

Women Organization for Development and Capacity-Building

Women Power Connect

New applications deferred

12. Pending the receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee, the Committee decided to defer its consideration of the applications of the following 92 organizations to its 2010 resumed session:

Abaawa Hagar Saah Memorial Foundation

Academy of Fine Arts and Literature

Africa Safe Water Foundation

Afromedianet

Al Mezan Center for Human Rights

Asia Catalyst

Asia Indigenous Peoples' Pact

Assemblée des premières nations du Québec et du Labrador

Association apprentissages sans frontières

Association des femmes tunisiennes pour la recherche et le développement

Association internationale des droits de l'enfant en difficulté et dans la souffrance

Association pour la lutte contre le travail des enfants au Niger

Assyrian National Congress

Aube nouvelle pour la femme et le développement

Australian Lesbian Medical Association

Ayuda y Solidaridad con las Niñas de la Calle

Caribbean and Latin America Trade Association

Caribbean Electric Utility Services Corporation

Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir, Córdoba

Chamber of Computer Logistics People Worldwide

Child Helpline International

Chinese Young Volunteers Association

Collectif des familles de disparu(e)s en Algérie

Conseil en éducation des premières nations

Creating Resources for Empowerment in Action

Dharma Drum Mountain Buddhist Association

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Eastern Sudan Women Development Organization

Ecumenical Coalition on Tourism

Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement-Bwaise Facility

Ethiopia Africa Black International Congress Church of Salvation

European Window Film Association

Family Reorientation Education and Empowerment

Federación Internacional de Fe y Alegría

Forum of Culture and Arts of Uzbekistan

Foundation for Human Horizon

Foundation for the Development of Knowledge Suma Veritas

Framework Convention Alliance for Tobacco Control

Freemuse: World Forum on Music and Censorship

Global Family for Love and Peace

Great Tao Foundation of America

High Atlas Foundation

Human Rights Commission of Pakistan

Humanitarian Law Center

Imam Ali's Popular Students Relief Society

Indian Confederation of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples (North-east zone)

Indira Gandhi National Foundation

Indo-European Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Integrated Development in Focus

International Ecological Safety Cooperative Organization

International Prison Chaplains' Association

International Rainwater Harvesting Alliance

International Refugee Rights Initiative

International Solidarity and Human Rights Institute

Isfahan Minority Rights and Development

Isigodlo Trust: South African Women in Dialogue

Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions

Khiam Rehabilitation Centre for Victims of Torture

Krityanand UNESCO Club Jamshedpur

Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund

Mundo sin Guerras

Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights

National Committee for Furtherance of Jewish Education

National Native Title Council

NATRIPAL

Organisation africaine des experts

Oromo Menschenrechts-und Hilfsorganisation

Palpung Munishasan Dharmachakra Sangh

Pan African Civil Society Network

Programme on Women's Economic Social and Cultural Rights

Project Green Nigeria

Proyecto Paz y Amor

Redeem Africa Foundation

Restoration World Outreach Ministries

St. Petersburg Institute of Bioregulation and Gerontology of the North-Western Branch of the Russian Academy of Medical Sciences

Scholars at Risk Network

Secure World Foundation

Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States

Shirley Ann Sullivan Educational Foundation

Soeurs unies à l'oeuvre

Sudanese Mothers for Peace

Third World Network-Africa

Ukrainian Non-Governmental Socio-Political Association. National Assembly of Persons with Disabilities

United Kingdom Association for the United Nations Development Fund for Women

Victorious Youths Movement

Vivekananda Sevakendra-O-Sishu Uddyan

Widows for Peace through Democracy

Women Against Violence (Europe)

Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights

World Toilet Organization

Youth Crime Watch of Nigeria

Youth for the Child's Welfare

New application withdrawn

13. At its 6th meeting, on 27 January 2010, the Committee took note of the request of the following non-governmental organization to withdraw its application:

Leadership Conference on Civil Rights

Plan International

14. At its 15th meeting, on 3 February 2010, during the consideration of the application of the non-governmental organization Plan Sweden, it was brought to the attention of the Committee that Plan Sweden is a member of a larger umbrella organization, named Plan International, which has been listed on the Roster since 1981. The Committee consequently decided to request a report from the non-governmental organization Plan International for the 2011 regular session, with a view to considering the recommendation of the reclassification of its status as the Committee deems appropriate, in accordance with paragraph 61 (c) of Council resolution 1996/31.

III. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council

A. Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council

15. At its 12th meeting, on 1 February 2010, the Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a compilation of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council on their activities during the period from 1999 to 2009, which had been

deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2010/CRP.2). Owing to time constraints, the Committee did not review the following quadrennial reports deferred from previous sessions:

Amnesty International

Centrist Democrat International

CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation

Freedom House

Heritage Foundation

Human Rights Internet

International Federation for Human Rights Leagues

International Network of Liberal Women

International Press Institute

National Council of Women of Thailand

Nonviolent Radical Party, Transnational and Transparty

16. Consideration of the quadrennial report of the Ukrainian World Congress was deferred pending a response from the organization to a question posed by the Committee.

B. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council

17. The Committee considered agenda item 4 (b) of its agenda, Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council, at its 12th meeting, on 1 February 2010. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General containing new quadrennial reports (E/C.2/2010/2/Add.1 to 29). The Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 170 organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (d)). The Committee decided to defer consideration of three quadrennial reports, pending receipt of their response to questions posed by the Committee:

Human Rights Watch

International Association of Judges

Society for Threatened Peoples

IV. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat

18. At its 1st meeting, on 25 January 2010, the Committee jointly considered agenda item 5, Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, and agenda item 9, General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations

Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network, and heard oral reports made by the Secretariat.

19. Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Egypt, the United States and China, and the observer for Chile. They welcomed the noticeable improvements in the work of the Branch, encouraged continued progress and expressed their support for further strengthening of the Branch.

V. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304

Other related matters

Recommendations for improving the working methods of the Committee

20. At the 12th meeting, on 1 February 2010, following informal discussions, proposals were considered for the improvement of the working methods of the Committee. The Committee will continue its discussion on the matter at its resumed session.

VI. Consideration of special reports and complaints by Member States

General Federation of Iraqi Women

21. At its 1st meeting, on 25 January 2010, the Committee heard a complaint by the observer for Iraq concerning an organization with special consultative status with the Council, the General Federation of Iraqi Women (see annex I). The observer requested withdrawal of the consultative status of the organization, explaining that it was in fact a subsidiary political entity established by the former regime in Iraq, that it had been dissolved, and that a new law regulating the activities of non-governmental organizations in Iraq had been enacted in 2005. He further highlighted that the organization was not registered in Iraq and did not have any recorded presence or activities.

22. At its 10th meeting, on 29 January 2010, the Committee resumed its consideration of the request and reviewed the response of the organization, in which it disclosed its unawareness of the new law regulating the activities of non-governmental organizations in Iraq, while stating that it continued to undertake several activities in the country. The majority of Committee members voiced support for the complaint made by the observer for Iraq, noting that if the organization was unaware of the new law or had been dissolved, and had not even been registered with the competent Iraqi authorities, it could not possibly be active on the ground.

23. The Committee decided to recommend that the Council withdraw the consultative status of the organization (see chap. I, draft decision II).

Interfaith International

24. At its 1st meeting, on 25 January 2010, the Committee heard a complaint by the representative of Pakistan, concerning an organization with special consultative status with the Council, Interfaith International (see annex II). He explained that the organization had been systematically engaged in politically motivated activities to undermine the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Pakistan, despite several attempts by his delegation in Geneva to approach the organization and warnings by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Accordingly, he requested that the Committee take immediate and strict action, as prescribed in Council resolution 1996/31.

25. At its 14th meeting, on 2 February 2010, the representatives of Pakistan, China, Burundi, Cuba, Egypt, Angola, Turkey, Qatar, the Sudan, Guinea and the Russia Federation supported the withdrawal of the organization's status in the light of the organization's continued violations of the arrangements according to which organizations are granted consultative status. The representatives of the United Kingdom, the United States, Dominica, Romania, Peru, Israel and Colombia, as well as the observer for Switzerland, supported the suspension of the organization's consultative status, asserting that a balance must be struck to ensure that the Committee is not engaging in the censorship of non-governmental organizations.

26. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to recommend that the Council suspend the status of the organization for a period of two years (see chap. I, draft decision III).

VII. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

27. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2010 regular session from 25 January to 3 February 2010. The Committee held 16 meetings.

28. The session was opened by the Chair of the 2009 sessions of the Committee, Hassan Hamid Hassan (Sudan), who served as temporary Chair.

29. At the 1st meeting, on 25 January, the Chair of the Committee, Ramis Sen (Turkey), made an opening statement. An introductory statement was made by the Director of the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

B. Attendance

30. The session was attended by the 19 members of the Committee. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, observers for non-members, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of participants is available from www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo.

31. At its 2010 regular session, the Committee heard from 21 representatives of non-governmental organizations who were given the opportunity to respond to questions raised by the Committee. The additional information provided by the

representatives facilitated the debate and the work of the Committee in taking its decisions.

C. Election of officers

32. At its 1st meeting, on 25 January, the Committee elected Ramis Sen (Turkey) as Chair and Alya Al-Thani (Qatar) as Vice-Chair.

33. At its 7th meeting, on 28 January, the Committee elected Crispin S. Gregoire (Dominica), Wael M. Attiya (Egypt) and Alexandru Ciorobea (Romania) as Vice-Chairs.

34. At the 13th meeting, on 2 February, it was decided that Crispin S. Gregoire (Dominica), in addition to serving as Vice-Chair, would also serve as Rapporteur.

D. Agenda

35. At its 1st meeting, on 25 January 2010, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its 2010 session as contained in document E/C.2/2010/1. The agenda reads as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:
   (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee;
   (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification;
   (c) Applications of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.
4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council:
   (a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council;
   (b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council.
5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat.
6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304:

(a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;

(b) Consideration of issues in the agenda of the informal working group;

(c) Other related matters.

7. Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/46 and decision 2008/217.

8. Consideration of special reports.

9. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.

10. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2011 resumed session of the Committee.

11. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

36. At the same meeting, the Committee approved its organization of work as contained in working paper No. 1.

E. Documentation

37. The list of documents before the Committee at its 2010 regular session is contained in document E/C.2/2010/INF.1.

VIII. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its 2010 regular session

38. At its 16th meeting, on 3 February 2010, the Committee adopted the draft report as contained in document E/C.2/2010/L.1 and authorized the Rapporteur to finalize the report, in consultation with the members of the Committee, as appropriate, with a view to its submission to the Economic and Social Council for appropriate action.

Annex I

Notes verbales dated 11 November 2009 and 25 January 2010 from the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the members of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat

Note verbale dated 11 November 2009

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations in New York presents its compliments to the members of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and to the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat and requests that legal measures be taken to end the representation of the "General Federation of Iraqi Women" in official international and regional forums owing to the fact that the Federation is one of the dissolved political entities in accordance with the provisions of Iraqi law No. 21 of 2005.

Note verbale dated 25 January 2010

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations in New York presents its compliments to the members of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and to the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat and has the honour to attach a copy of Iraqi law No. 21 of 2005[a] regarding the dissolved political entities and, with reference to note verbale dated 11 November 2009, has the honour to further inform that the "General Federation of Iraqi Women" is not registered with the official relevant Iraqi department responsible for non-governmental organizations, with which any Iraqi organization must be registered in order to exercise its work.

[a] Attachments are available from the paperless committee system of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.

Annex II

Note verbale dated 8 January 2010 from the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat[a]

The Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, and with reference to the forthcoming regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, to be held from 25 January to 3 February 2010, has the honour to convey a serious complaint against the non-governmental organization "Interfaith International" on the following grounds:

(a) Interfaith International is a Geneva-based organization that has consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. It is constantly violating the Charter of the United Nations and Council resolution 1996/31 through supporting elements that undermine the territorial integrity of States Members of the United Nations. Interfaith International invites representatives from various countries and provides a platform for them to speak in the Human Rights Council. Different speeches and reports of a controversial nature delivered from its platform are posted on its website. Its activities are clearly in violation of the Charter, Council resolution 1996/31 and its own constitution, which claims to advocate peace, mutual co-existence and tolerance among all religions and communities of the world;

(b) During the previous few sessions of the Human Rights Council, it particularly targeted Pakistan. It invited a representative from a political group during the eleventh session of the Human Rights Council and allowed him to make a statement. He used highly controversial language, distorted historical facts and challenged realities on the ground. Both the substance and the tone of the language were so objectionable that even the President of the Human Rights Council had to intervene and stop the speaker from delivering his statement;

(c) Assertions made in the statement were clearly in violation of the purposes and principles of the Charter, which uphold the territorial integrity and political independence of any Member State. In his remarks to this highly objectionable statement, the President stated that "it is a very unhelpful statement that needs serious redrafting". The President did not allow him to proceed further with his statement;

(d) The non-governmental organization is also using the United Nations name and its emblem for its statement, which was neither delivered by any United Nations personnel nor done on behalf of the United Nations;

(e) In another incident, during the twelfth session of the Human Rights Council, Interfaith International organized a side event. At this event, invitees

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included groups who advocated violent overthrow of the legitimate government of the province and the Nation State. The non-governmental organization widely circulated flyers about this event both outside and inside United Nations premises and vilified in its statement the legal Government and the Constitution of Pakistan. In response to this highly provocative behaviour against the Charter, the Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations in Geneva made an immediate and detailed demarche to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, too, in response acknowledged that the Secretariat had taken due note of those concerns, and based on previous incidents of a similar nature, informed the concerned non-governmental organization that its conduct was not consistent with the rules and practices for the participation of non-governmental organizations in the Council. This letter further strengthens our submission against retention of Interfaith International in the United Nations process;

(f) Separately, OHCHR held a detailed meeting with the representatives of Interfaith International and warned them of their repeated misconduct on different accounts. It was categorically stated that further misbehaviour would not be tolerated. The minutes of the meeting were shared with the Director-General of the United Nations Office in Geneva, the Non-Governmental Organizations Liaison Office in Geneva and the secretariat of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in New York. At this meeting, Charles Graves, the Secretary-General of Interfaith International, himself admitted that his organization had brought at least "75 representatives" from within the boundaries of Pakistan who were inimical to the Nation State, the laws and the Constitution of Pakistan;

(g) In several instances, Interfaith International worked with another highly controversial entity, Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization, whose application for consultative status has recently been rejected by Committee members. Interfaith International organized joint events with Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization on subjects threatening the territorial integrity of various Member States in Geneva and invited political and terrorist representatives to the meeting. Interfaith International remained involved in hosting events on forming a "confederation of people in South Asia", which included elements that challenged the geopolitical entity of Nation States in South Asia;

(h) In June 2009, Interfaith International, along with Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization, arranged a highly controversial side event undermining the territorial integrity, laws and Constitution of Pakistan. Due to its offensive and politicized nature, the request for organizing the event was refused by OHCHR and was only granted when its Secretary-General, Charles Graves, gave assurances that the event would be changed to cover "human rights in South Asia". However, Charles Graves failed to honour his commitment to United Nations officials, and despite an official change of title in the Council's bulletin of the informal meeting, the non-governmental organization kept on distributing the flyer with the same old offensive title;

(i) According to Council resolution 1996/31, the participation of non-governmental organizations in United Nations activities must be in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the criteria established under the resolution, which in no way undermines the sovereignty of Member States. This criteria not only determines the relevance of the

non-governmental organization applying for consultative status with the above principles but also calls for a regular review of its activities to ensure strict adherence with established United Nations norms. Paragraph 57 of the same resolution states that "if an organization, either directly or through its affiliates or representatives acting on its behalf, clearly abuses its status by engaging in a pattern of acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, including unsubstantiated or politically motivated acts against Member States of the United Nations incompatible with those purposes and principles", its consultative status shall be suspended or withdrawn for three years.

In view of its highly objectionable activities, relationship with other organizations encouraging activities against the sovereignty of Nation States and violation of the Charter and Council resolution 1996/31, Pakistan strongly urges the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to take an immediate and most strict action against Interfaith International and withdraw its consultative status. The Committee may also direct the non-governmental organization immediately to remove all objectionable material from its website. We hope that the members of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will positively consider this complaint and keep on monitoring the work and activities of this non-governmental organization in full compliance with the rules, regulations and procedures set out in Council resolution 1996/31.